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## **Senate passes Gilbert bill to save Port Huron jobs**

**LANSING** – The Senate unanimously passed a bill Wednesday that will allow Pro-Weld, a manufacturing company, to remain in Port Huron and meet the criteria to be in an industrial development district, said Sen. Jud Gilbert.

Senate Bill 579 allows for the implementation of a tax abatement for Pro-Weld. It will allow Pro-Weld to receive its promised tax abatement despite initially being located outside an industrial zone in the city of Port Huron.

“Saving Michigan jobs is the number one priority right now and we are doing all we can to keep local residents employed,” said Gilbert, R-Algonac. “Pro-Weld came to Port Huron on the understanding that they qualified for certain exemptions and abatements, only to get here and find out this wasn’t the case. This legislation will help them remain in Port Huron and retain around 100 jobs – jobs held by our friends, family and neighbors.”

SB 579 now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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